

SPRINGER IS WORSE

The Illinois Congressman is Likely to Die.

DISEASE ATTACKS HIS BRAIN

Physicians Alarmed at His Condition. Express Little Hope for His Recovery. He Feels His End Approaching.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The condition of Congressman Springer, chairman of the ways and means committee, is so serious today as to excite the gravest apprehension of his friends. His family and most intimate friends are evidently prepared for the worst, as there is a fear that the erysipelas, heretofore confined to the face, has gone to the brain. The physician conceded that this being the case, the result is almost inevitably fatal. Dr. John A. Vincent, of Springfield, the old family physician of Mr. Springer, has been telegraphed for at the request of the patient and with the approval of the attending physicians in this city.

His Physicians Are Hopeless. Mr. Springer's condition is the chief topic of conversation at the capital today. It is now believed that his case is absolutely hopeless. He was probably



the first of his family to recognize the hopelessness of his condition. He realized this morning that the disease had gone deeper and was affecting his brain, and he then gave up hope. Up to that time he believed his case was a serious one, but he was not prepared to believe that he was dying. He told his family and physicians today that he believed he could not recover. Yet until 1:30 today his friends in the house did not give up hope. When word came direct to the speaker at 1:45, however, that Mr. Springer was dying there seemed no longer to be any ground for hope.

Mr. Springer's death may have a marked effect upon the course of the democrats in the house. He was the leader of the plan for attacking the tariff by small bills, and whether this course will be followed out when the leadership is transferred to other hands remains to be seen. It is probable that McMillin will be his successor as head of the ways and means committee.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—At 9 o'clock Dr. Springer's physician, informed the United Press reporter he had just left the bedside of his patient. "There was then," he said, "no material change since morning except a slight improvement. We have no reason to fear any serious change tonight." At midnight tonight there was no material change in Springer's condition. He slept some during the night. At 12 o'clock he was resting easy.

CAN'T FIND HIS FAMILY.

A California Grape Raiser Left to Pursue His Vocation Alone.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 3.—Last fall Adam Beaver, of Mankato, Minn., left that country, and with his wife and family came to Fresno, of whose balmy climate he had read glowing accounts. Beaver is a man of means, and after he arrived he bought a place in a Scandinavian colony, and pleasant visions of competing packers, bidding excitedly for his raisin crop, swam before his eyes.

Last Wednesday afternoon when Beaver returned to his home he observed that his wife and children had gone, but it was not long after he had a right to expect them back that he became uneasy.

He came to town and made inquiries but nowhere could he find the runaways, nor has his search been successful up to this writing. A grown son of Beaver arrived a few days ago from the east and it is reported he was instrumental in inducing his mother to leave Fresno. Beaver has made every effort to find out where his family have gone, but without avail. Even policemen are baffled, and the disappearance is a complete mystery.

TURNED BACK AGAIN.

Indianapolis Street Railway Restored to the Company.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 3.—It is probable that tomorrow the street railway property will pass back into the hands of the company, leaving President Frenzel in full control. This will bring about a curious state of affairs. As the strike was declared off only pending a receivership, the men would naturally be on a strike. Furthermore, they were discharged by Frenzel and he declines to say what his action will be about re-employing the men. The employees will hold a meeting beginning at 1 o'clock. It is probable that they will have a vote to remain at work and await developments.

Another Work Train Collision.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 3.—Near Adamsville tonight the fast freight on the Kansas, Memphis & Birmingham road ran into a work train. Two brakemen were instantly killed, and five other trainmen seriously injured. Reconstruction of orders was the cause.

Blaine's Land Deals.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 3.—Negotiations are pending between James G. Blaine, through his agent, Justice Graham, and R. B. McKinney of Elizabeth, N. J., glass manufacturer, while he was sleeping in a chair at the bridge street house. Smith left the city, and McKinney was given their liberty for the present.

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The amendment was voted upon and declared lost.

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BLEW HIS BRAINS OUT.

President Collins of the California National Bank Suicides.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 3.—At 1:30 this afternoon, J. W. Collins, president of the California National bank, who has been under arrest for the past ten days on the charge of embezzling two hundred thousand dollars of the bank's funds, committed suicide by shooting himself. He has been unable to furnish the required bonds and has been confined to his room in the Brewster hotel in charge of a deputy. Today orders came to District Attorney Jones to take Collins to Los Angeles. Upon receipt of this news Collins excused himself and went to a bath room where he placed the muzzle of the revolver in his mouth, and fired the fatal shot.

Charged With Forgery.

ATHEENS, O., March 3.—The Rev. D. M. Van Horn, of Grayville, this county, aged 55, a minister of the Christian denomination, has been committed to jail charged with having forged the names of a number of citizens of this county to promissory notes, which he negotiated. The accused has been for many years a minister in good standing.

DIED IN THEIR STALLS.

Two Valuable Horses Smothered in a Midnight Fire.

A serious fire occurred last night about 12:30 o'clock. The barn in the rear of No. 300 Canal street, in which Tom Lynch has been keeping his fast horses, Sheeney and Lottie B., caught fire in some mysterious manner, and Lottie B., valued at \$1500, was suffocated to death in a moment. Sheeney was so badly choked that there is no possible chance for him to live.

At midnight the inmates of the house were startled by a man rapping on the front door and shouting fire. One of the girls rushed to the front door, when the man who had given the alarm jumped astride of a bicycle, rode to box 14, corner of Kent and Newberry streets, and turned in the alarm. At the same instant another alarm was sent in by way of the District Telegraph messenger service.

Mate Morrison, the proprietress, who claims to be Lynch's wife, was in bed. She arose in her night clothes, and without waiting to don her dress, rushed down stairs. By this time it had been learned that the barn was ablaze. She ran to the barn, the door of which was open, and the smoke and flame was pouring out. Through it she plunged and into the stall where Lottie B. was fastened and tried to untie her. The fire was spreading rapidly. Vainly she struggled, but could not loosen the knot which held the animal down. At last despairing, she gave up and groped her way toward the door. When she gained the outside she found that both hands had been badly burned, and her hair, eyebrows and eyelashes were singed.

The fire department arrived upon the scene and learning that the horses were in the barn then movements were quickened. In a few seconds several streams of water were playing upon the burning mass and the firemen began cutting with axes on every side. It was ten minutes before the blaze was quenched. Investigation disclosed that Lottie B. was dead. The mare was not scorched very much, but had succumbed to the smoke. In the next stall Sheeney was yet kicking, lying flat on his side. Men worked over him for an hour, and at last reports were confident that he would have to be shot.

From the first moment that the fire was discovered the horses began to kick, struggle for freedom and whinny pitifully, then groans sounding like the wails of tortured human beings. At the present time the origin of the fire is a mystery. Frank Saunders, some said, and others Frank Flynn, was the hostler and had charge of the animals. Mate Morrison said that when she opened the door the fire was in the center of the barn. She gave it as her opinion that Frank was in the barn and that he too had been killed. She said that sometimes when he was drunk he came around the barn, and it might be that he set it afire. No trace of him was found. Sheeney was valued at \$3,000 and had a record of 2:25 when he made at Springfield, Ill. Lottie B. had no record, but was a promising colt. The sidewalk in front of the house, as well as the hallway inside was filled with trunks, while the half clad inmates decked the sidewalk. There were also in the barn two carriages, one cutter, three sets of harness, valuable robes, etc. The total loss is placed at \$5,000 with no insurance. Tom Lynch is in New Orleans.

Another Fire.

The two-story brick house at No. 45 Butterworth avenue, owned by the Gelock estate and occupied by William Van Eiten on the first floor, and N. C. Wood, upstairs, caught fire about 10 o'clock last night. Van Eiten's furniture was damaged \$100, N. C. Wood's \$200. The house was damaged \$200. No insurance. Cause unknown.

Arrested on Suspicion.

Bailey McKay and a young man named Gardner were arrested yesterday afternoon on suspicion of having stolen \$120 from John Smith, a Newark, N. J., glass manufacturer, while he was sleeping in a chair at the bridge street house. Smith left the city, and McKay was given their liberty for the present.

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The report was accepted and adopted after which a recess of fifteen minutes was taken to give those present an opportunity to become members of the club by signing the constitution and by-laws.

Sixty Names Were Subscribed

to the document, and the club was duly organized. When the meeting was again called to order Chairman Watkins introduced Gen. B. M. Cutcheon, who addressed the club with a twenty-minute speech full of bright and pungent comments on the comparison of the records of the two old parties. Mr. Cutcheon was greeted with applause. He said that the news received from the municipal elections in New York indicates that the Empire state remains in the republican ranks and can be depended upon at the fall election. The republican party has a broad field of labor lying before it, but it will be found to be equal to the emergency. He said that when there is anything to do the republican party is always called upon to do it. The democratic party has earned the name of the do nothing party and is now sustaining its record with remarkable precision. So long as there is anything to do, there is a call for organization in rank of the republican party and that step has been taken tonight. All legislation of vital importance to the country has been brought about by the republican party. This manner of action is inherent in both parties. The democratic party has always acted as an obstruction to legislation. The republican party

Has a Work to Do

and this is the place to do it, right in the Lincoln club of Grand Rapids. The ideas connected with the name of the club lends force to its influence. The equality of mankind was one of the principles promulgated by Lincoln. Another Lincolnian idea is that labor is greater than capital. Capital has no independence without labor. In organizing this club let us remember that humanity is above all and that labor stands pre-eminent to capital. The speaker then took up the tariff question and said that protection is an Americanism. It is the producer of free goods and factories. Another issue to be decided in the coming campaign is the question of honest money. We do not propose to permit the bullion owner to bring 72 or 71 cents and have it stamped as 100 cents. The republican party is for equality of all men. The republican party has a straight record behind it and before it. Two years ago a few republicans tried the experiment of staying at home, but I think they are heartily sick now of experiments. We have had the squabbling legislature, the kerry-mandering of the state and other inequities. I sometimes wonder if the Almighty had a grudge against our fair state and gave us the squabbling legislature as a punishment. He closed his address by saying that he hoped to see the time when the observance of Lincoln's birthday by the club would become a custom, and the banquet served on that day would be known as famous as the Republican club banquets at Detroit. He thought it was

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THEY WANT A CHANGE

Eleventh Ward Democrats Talk of Nominating F. I. Maybury.

Alderman Carpenter is one of the democratic aldermen whose term in the common council expires this spring, and like all good democratic aldermen he would like to be returned. But it will not be all smooth sailing for the alderman mentioned. There are a number of good democrats in his ward who would not object to stepping into his shoes, and it is quite probable that a united effort will be made to put some other man there. It is said that the opposition to Alderman Carpenter will unite on school trustee F. I. Maybury as the man to knock Mr. Carpenter out in the convention. It is also said that it is on the same cards to nominate J. D. Boland for supervisor in the new eleventh ward. It is the cutting of the present Tenth ward in two, making the new Eleventh, that will vacate the office of school trustee now held by Mr. Maybury. The dividing line will be Fifth avenue, and as Mr. M. lives south of that street, he can hardly hold office as school trustee in the Tenth. It is also stated that he would prefer being an alderman rather than a school trustee. Lively times may be expected.

IMMEDIATE ACTION URGED.

Necessity for Pure Water Laid Before Council Committee.

In the council committee rooms last night there was a dearth of important business. President Davis of the board of public works, called the attention of the aldermen present, and especially the committee on sewers, to the proposed plan of furnishing sufficient water to supply the sufficiency now existing. The details of the project, as heretofore published, consists in piping the spring water to be found on the west side of the river, beginning at a point opposite the Soldiers' Home and running thence northward about a mile, into an open conduit, to be pumped from there into the mains of the city. In the mile mentioned there are numerous springs from which pure water continually flows. When this supply fails, or proves insufficient, the proposition is to replenish it by water from the river. The necessity of immediate action was urged. The committee on ordinances and streets, under consideration, the proposition of Perry Cook for a right of way and franchise through certain streets, to connect South Grand Rapids with the D. G. H. & M. depot, will, on Monday night, ask for further time.

Acknowledgements.

The mother superior in charge of the St. Johns Orphan asylum for this city wishes to return her most heartfelt thanks to Messrs. John Canfield and S. M. Lemon for their kind and generous efforts in securing for the institution telephone connections with the city; and to Messrs. J. Canfield and W. Kennedy, Eaton & Lyon, J. Berle, F. W. Wurzburg, Thum Bros., Schmidt, Kortland Bros., Doran & Pierce, John Molin, Jr., Chas. Schmidt & Bros., and W. Voss are the kind contributors. They have the warmest thanks of the sisters and their little charges for their timely assistance and the highly appreciated benefit thereby conferred upon them. In return, the little orphans will gratefully remember their generous benefactors in their prayers to the Most High that He may amply reward their charity and benevolence with His choicest blessings, both spiritual and corporal, so well deserved. Grand Rapids, March, 1892.

Michigan Railways.

LANSING, March 3.—The earnings statement issued by Railroad Commissioner Whitman today shows the earnings of Michigan railroads for December, 1891, to have been \$8,803,683.92; corresponding month, 1890, \$7,752,763.11; increase for 1891, \$1,050,920.81. Total earnings January, 1891, to January 1, 1892, \$96,472,329.69; same period, 1890, \$93,075,802.67; increase for 1891, \$3,396,527.02. Per cent of increase 3.65.

Burned Up a Brewery.

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 3.—Fire caught among some tar barrels in the mammoth brewery of Martin Bruggeman at 9:05 this evening. In forty minutes the building and contents were entirely destroyed. Loss on building \$70,000; malted beer machinery, \$45,000. Insurance \$30,000, divided among forty companies.

Low Wallace for Harrison.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 3.—The republicans of the eighth congressional district at Brazil today selected Gen. Low Wallace and W. N. McKee as delegates to Minneapolis. McKee is president of the Vandalia road, and is for Harrison, as is Wallace.

Fatal Railway Wreck.

BALTIMORE, March 3.—The passenger train on the Baltimore & Annapolis road was wrecked near Belair this evening. The engineer was killed, and the mail agent, express messenger and one passenger were injured, the express messenger fatally.

Heavy Loss by Fire.

PHILADELPHIA, March 3.—J. R. Ryer & Co.'s extensive photography goods factory burned at North Second street. Loss \$150,000. Several operatives were severely injured in escaping. A police sergeant nearly lost his life while searching for a missing boy.

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A Backus, of Detroit, a well known furnace maker, is a guest at Sweet's. Mr. Backus the other day received a check for \$95,000 from the Fort Street Union Depot company, which condemned his property. The case is being reviewed in the supreme court today.

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WHAT THE BOARD DOES.

James Vernon Discusses the Efficiency of the State Board of Pharmacy. James Vernon of Detroit, secretary of the Michigan board of pharmacy, was at the Morton yesterday. "We have just finished the examination," he remarked as he stood at the desk, paying his bill. "On the whole, the examination was a creditable one. At this winter examination most of the applicants come from drug stores, having served apprenticeship there. In the July examination most of the applicants are graduates from the pharmacy department of the University. No one could reasonably expect the graduates to have not had any college work in pharmacy to complete with graduation and of course they can't do it although they often do very creditable work. But I can say truthfully for the pharmacy department of the University that we have never had to pluck one of its graduates. They always come up to the standard. I hope we never shall have to, but if it is necessary they will never receive any special consideration. We had a good instance today illustrating the general character of our examinations. We had an applicant who had taken the examination in Illinois. He asked for his standing today and we told him it was 82. He pulled his Illinois certificate out of his pocket and his standing there was 82 also. I think the pharmacy law in this state is having a great effect in elevating the standard of efficiency throughout the state. The work done is certainly increasing in quality. While we can't always prevent mistakes due to carelessness on the part of the clerk, we can prevent people's being killed through his ignorance; and by actively prosecuting all cases of carelessness, we can reduce that to a minimum. This board of pharmacy is maintained with very little expense to the state. Each pharmacist contributes a dollar a year and that practically pays all expenses; but even if it cost the state a large sum of money every year, it would more than pay for itself in the increased protection it affords to all citizens. The average age of the applicants who come before the board is decreasing every year, and not understanding the fact that the clerks are younger, the number of accidents grows beautifully less."

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Sam Small, the well known evangelist who assisted Sam Jones in scoring souls to glory, was a guest at the Eagle yesterday. Mr. Small was in Grand Rapids for the first time, but he expressed himself as well pleased with the city. As he left early in the afternoon, he did not see certain phases of it that unquestionably would not have pleased him. He has been in poor health for some time, but is gradually recovering, and expects to take up with renewed vigor the work to which he has consecrated the latter part of his life.

Gossip of the Lobby.

The Hon. D. T. Corbin, of Chicago, one of the best known railroad attorneys in the country, was a guest at the New Livingston yesterday, with his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Corbin were in the city to attend the marriage of Professor N. D. Corbin, holding the chair of political economy and history in the agricultural college at Lansing, to Miss Margaret Moore, of this city, which was solemnized yesterday.

WHISKY ON THE SIDE.

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